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Abstract of the Disclosure

This invention is a contactless label chipcard including payment and identification information and a check-out system including a contactless reader for reading and updating payment information stored in that label chipcard. The contactless label chipcard is attached to a product, and the system further includes a device for reading and initiating updating of the payment status resident on the chipcard. The device includes the contactless reader for reading information stored in the contactless label chipcard, and a component for generating an invoice based on the information received from the contactless label chipcard. Further, the device includes a component for checking payment of the invoice and a component for initiating update of the payment status. Corresponding methods and computer program products are also provided.

In the Specification:

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This invention relates to a contactless label chipcard including payment and identification information and a check-out system including a contactless reader for reading and updating payment information stored in that label chipcard. According to this invention all articles offered

in a store are labeled with a contactless label chipcard. In the memory of the label chipcard at least product identification information (number) and payment status information (paid or no paid) are stored. In a further embodiment of the present invention the chipcard stores additionally product price information as well an authentication key. For carry out that invention the check-out system requires an additional computer program which executes the communication between the label chipcard and the check-out system inclusively the payment. Passing the check-out system with the cart in which articles with attached label chipcards are placed, a communication between contactless label chipcard and checkout system will be established. Preferably the communication is established over a radio field generated by a generator of the check-out system. Based on the information received from the label chipcard, the check-out system generates the invoice or bill and the payment status information for each article will be updated into PAID. Articles having the payment status not paid will be detected by a warning system which is part of the check-out system.

This invention allows buying articles without recording them manually by the cashier. This is more convenient for the customer as well the cashier. Furthermore, the customer does not have to unpack his cart and put all articles from the cart onto belt and back in his cart after the articles are scanned. Due to faster processing, less cashier systems and less personnel are necessary. In the case the customer scans the articles himself, the invention will be used to check the accuracy of the list scanned by the customer.